

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-identified application:

1-70. (Canceled)

71. (New) A web construction comprising:

a substrate comprising a first major side, a second major side, and an indefinite length;
a plurality of discrete polymeric regions fused to the first major side of the substrate,
wherein each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of discrete polymeric regions comprises a
discrete patch having a perimeter that is entirely bordered by the first major side of the substrate,
and wherein the plurality of discrete polymeric regions are located only on the first major side of
the substrate; and
a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality
of polymeric regions.

72. (New) A web construction according to claim 71, wherein the substrate comprises an
elastic substrate.

73. (New) A web construction according to claim 71, wherein the substrate comprises loop
structures adapted to lock with the plurality of stems.

74. (New) A web construction according to claim 71, wherein, for each discrete polymeric
region of the plurality of polymeric regions, one or more stems of the plurality of stems extend
from an interior of the discrete polymeric region.

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75. (New) A web construction according to claim 71, wherein the substrate comprises fibrous material.

76. (New) A web construction according to claim 71, wherein the substrate comprises a porous web.

77. (New) A web construction according to claim 71, wherein the substrate comprises a woven web.

78. (New) A web construction according to claim 71, wherein the substrate comprises a nonwoven web.

79. (New) A web construction according to claim 71, wherein the substrate comprises a knit web.

80. (New) A web construction according to claim 71, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a free, unattached end.

81. (New) A web construction according to claim 71, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a mushroom head.

82. (New) A web construction according to claim 71, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a hook.

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83. (New) A web construction comprising:

an elastic substrate comprising a first major side, a second major side, and an indefinite length;

a plurality of discrete polymeric regions fused to the first major side of the elastic substrate, wherein the plurality of discrete polymeric regions are located only on the first major side of the elastic substrate; and

a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, wherein the elastic substrate defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at angles that are not normal to the localized plane.

84. (New) A web construction according to claim 83, wherein each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of discrete polymeric regions comprises a discrete patch having a perimeter that is entirely bordered by the first major side of the elastic substrate.

85. (New) A web construction according to claim 83, wherein the plurality of stems are angled in multiple directions relative to the localized plane.

86. (New) A web construction according to claim 83, wherein the plurality of stems are angled in the same direction relative to the localized plane.

87. (New) A web construction according to claim 83, further comprising loop structures adapted to lock with the plurality of stems.

88. (New) A web construction according to claim 83, wherein the elastic substrate comprises fibrous material.

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89. (New) A web construction according to claim 83, wherein the elastic substrate comprises a porous web.

90. (New) A web construction according to claim 83, wherein, for each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, one or more stems of the plurality of stems extend from an interior of the discrete polymeric region.

91. (New) A web construction according to claim 83, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a free, unattached end.

92. (New) A web construction according to claim 83, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a mushroom head.

93. (New) A web construction according to claim 83, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a hook.

94. (New) A mechanical fastener comprising:

a substrate comprising a fibrous surface as a first major side, the substrate further comprising a second major side;

a plurality of discrete polymeric regions fused to the fibrous surface of the substrate such that polymer of the plurality of discrete polymeric regions is entangled with the fibrous surface of the substrate, wherein each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of discrete polymeric regions comprises a discrete patch having a perimeter that is entirely bordered by the first major side of the substrate, and wherein the plurality of discrete polymeric regions are located only on the first major side of the substrate; and

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a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions.

95. (New) A mechanical fastener according to claim 94, wherein the substrate comprises a composite comprising a film layer.

96. (New) A mechanical fastener according to claim 94, wherein the substrate comprises an elastic substrate.

97. (New) A mechanical fastener according to claim 94, wherein the substrate comprises loop structures adapted to lock with the plurality of stems.

98. (New) A mechanical fastener according to claim 94, wherein, for each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, one or more stems of the plurality of stems extend from an interior of the discrete polymeric region.

99. (New) A mechanical fastener according to claim 94, wherein the substrate comprises a porous web.

100. (New) A mechanical fastener according to claim 94, wherein the substrate comprises a woven web.

101. (New) A mechanical fastener according to claim 94, wherein the substrate comprises a nonwoven web.

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102. (New) A mechanical fastener according to claim 94, wherein the substrate comprises a knit web.

103. (New) A mechanical fastener according to claim 94, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a free, unattached end.

104. (New) A mechanical fastener according to claim 94, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a mushroom head.

105. (New) A mechanical fastener according to claim 94, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a hook.

106. (New) A mechanical fastener according to claim 94, wherein the substrate defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at angles that are not normal to the localized plane.

107. (New) A mechanical fastener according to claim 106, wherein the plurality of stems are angled in multiple directions relative to the localized plane.

108. (New) A mechanical fastener according to claim 106, wherein the plurality of stems are angled in the same direction relative to the localized plane.